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TAGS: PFOR, SA, IN

SUBJECT: VISIT OF D. P. DHAR MINISTER OF PLANNING

BEGIN SUMMARY: SAG APPEARS PLEASED WITH VISIT OF INDIAN MINISTER OF PLANNING D. P. DHAR WHO MADE A GOOD IMPRESSION AND MET WITH CENTRAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION OFFICIALS BESIDES THE KING. ACCORDING TO INDIAN AMBASSADOR, DHAR MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE WAS NOT ASKING FOR ANYTHING FROM SAG AND WAS SIMPLY ON A MISSION OF FRIENDSHIP. THIS IS HIGHEST LEVEL INDIAN VISIT SINCE LONG BEFORE THE 1971 WAR. END SUMMARY.

1. SOURCES WITHIN CENTRAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION CONFIRMED THAT VISIT OF INDIAN MINISTER OF PLANNING D. P. DHAR WAS SUCCESSFUL AND THAT HE PERSONALLY MADE A GOOD IMPRESSION ON SAUDIS INCLUDING HIS MAJESTY.

DHAR WAS HERE ON THE INVITATION OF CENTRAL PLANNING PRESIDENT, HISHAM NAZER. PRESS PLAY WAS LOW KEY BUT FAVORABLE AND COMPARABLE TO VISIT OF CARDINAL FROM VATICAN A FEW WEEKS AGO (PERHAPS NOT LIKELY PARALLEL IN TERMS OF HINDU HIERARCHY).

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2. INDIAN AMBASSADOR CONFIRMED THAT VISIT HAD GONE WELL.  
DHAR HAD IMPRESSED SAUDIS WITH HIS ERUDITION AND GRACIOUSNESS.

3. SUBJECTS THAT DID NOT RPT NOT COME UP DURING VISIT  
INCLUDED MOSLEM MINORITIES IN INDIA, RECOGNITION OF  
BAGLADESH, AND ANY DISCUSSION OF AID OR IL PRICES.  
HEAD OF CENTRAL PLANNING, NAZER, AND HIS TOP STAFF MET  
WITH INDIAN DELEGATION FOR THREE HOURS, HOWEVER, AND DESCRIBED  
IN DETAIL SAUDI PLANS FOR INDUSTRIALIZATION.

4. VISIT COMPLETED BEFORE ANNOUNCEMENT OF INDIAN TEST  
OF ATOMIC DEVICE. THIS IS HIGHEST LEVEL INDIAN VISIT SINCE  
BEFORE THE DECEMBER 1971 WAR. COMMENT: GRAUDAL APPROACH  
BY INDIANS TO PROBLEM OF FINDING A NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH OIL-  
RICH SAUDIS MAY PAY OFF IN LONG RUN.  
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